

**Amendment to the Claims**

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49. (NEW) A method for facilitating play of a wagering game on a gaming device, comprising:

prior to allowing play of a wagering game including a particular feature and via a processor of a device operable to facilitate the wagering game, determining whether an authorization code for enabling play of the wagering game with the particular feature has been received from a regulatory authority;

verifying, via the processor, an expiration condition for the authorization code;  
and

only if the expiration condition has not yet been met, allowing play of the wagering game with the particular feature.

50. (NEW) The method of claim 49, wherein the expiration condition is a date on which the authorization code is no longer valid.

51. (NEW) The method of claim 49, wherein the expiration condition is a maximum number of plays of the wagering game for which the authorization code is valid.

52. (NEW) The method of claim 49, wherein the expiration condition is a maximum sum of wagers for which the authorization code is valid.

53. (NEW) The method of claim 49, further comprising:

prior to allowing play of the wagering game, confirming via the processor that an authorization code disallowing play of the wagering game has not been received from the regulatory authority.

54. (NEW) The method of claim 49, further comprising:  
updating, via the processor, data corresponding to the expiration condition after allowing play of the wagering game.

55. (NEW) The method of claim 54, wherein updating data comprises updating the sum of wagers placed on the wagering game based on a wager currently placed on the wagering game.

56. (NEW) The method of claim 54, wherein updating data comprises updating a number of plays of the wagering game played based on a current play of the wagering game.

57. (NEW) The method of claim 49, further comprising:  
requesting, via the processor, a new authorization code from the regulatory authority if the expiration condition has been met.

58. (NEW) The method of claim 49, further comprising:  
purchasing the authorization code from the regulatory authority.

59. (NEW) A method for facilitating play of a wagering game on a gaming device, comprising:  
prior to allowing play of a wagering game on a particular gaming device, determining via a processor of a device operable to facilitate the wagering game whether an authorization code for enabling play of the wagering game on the particular gaming device has been received from a regulatory authority;  
verifying, via the processor, an expiration condition for the authorization code;  
and  
only if the expiration condition has not yet been met, allowing play of the wagering game on the particular gaming device.

60. (NEW)The method of claim 59, wherein the expiration condition is a date on which the authorization code is no longer valid.
61. (NEW)The method of claim 59, wherein the expiration condition is a maximum number of plays of the wagering game for which the authorization code is valid.
62. (NEW)The method of claim 59, wherein the expiration condition is a maximum sum of wagers for which the authorization code is valid.
63. (NEW)The method of claim 59, further comprising:  
prior to allowing play of the wagering game, confirming via the processor that an authorization code disallowing play of the wagering game on the particular gaming device has not been received from the regulatory authority.
64. (NEW)The method of claim 59, further comprising:  
updating, via the processor, data corresponding to the expiration condition after allowing play of the wagering game.
65. (NEW)The method of claim 64, wherein updating data comprises updating the sum of wagers placed on the wagering game based on a wager currently placed on the wagering game.
66. (NEW)The method of claim 64, wherein updating data comprises updating a number of plays of the wagering game played based on a current play of the wagering game.
67. (NEW)The method of claim 59, further comprising:  
requesting, via the processor, a new authorization code from the regulatory authority if the expiration condition has been met.

68. (NEW) The method of claim 59, further comprising:  
purchasing the authorization code from the regulatory authority.
69. (NEW) A method for verifying play of a wagering game in accordance with a feature, comprising:  
determining, via a processor of a computing device, that a wagering game has been mandated by a regulatory authority to only be played while a specified feature is enabled;  
receiving an authorization code from a gaming operator operating the wagering game, the authorization code indicating whether the wagering game has only been allowed to be played while the feature was enabled; and  
verifying, by a processor and by decrypting the authorization code, that the wagering game has only been allowed to be played while the feature was enabled.